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Dear Don:

I am looking forward to seeing you here on October 22. My own agenda, as you know, is to seek a better fundamental understanding of clinical research in the current era. Preliminary to our discussion, could you cite five or ten publications that in your own opinion would be the best examples to help me understand the process? I am sure you will think of situations of some scientific and clinical significance that were also dealt with in style. (As important as they may be I do not have in mind epidemiological surveys or clinical trials to evaluate already quasi-established therapies).

Do you know of any more general discussions<sup>\*</sup> of the clinical research process? Particularly how it relates to clinical care, the balance of in- and out-patient effort, to laboratory studies.

A particularly useful perspective is how one's model of clinical research informs the sizing of a CRC, to generate (rough) ratios of CRC beds to lab facilities, to faculty staffing, to patient care beds. Finally, could a CRC like RUH be well run primarily as an out-patient facility?

Yours sincerely,

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\* Your reports just arrived.